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18 August 1955

The Honorable Peter A. Strobel  
Commissioner of Public Building  
General Services Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Strobel:

I have just received the copies of your letters of 12 August 1955 to Mr. Moscovitz and Mr. Harrison which I requested after you read them to me on the telephone this morning. While I was aware that you had considered the firm of deYoung, Moscovitz, and Rosenberg as a possible affiliate to Harrison & Abramovitz on the architectural-engineering contract for the Central Intelligence Agency's building, there is no foundation whatsoever for your statement in your letter to Mr. Moscovitz that his firm had been selected by the Central Intelligence Agency.

At the various meetings on 9 August between the Director of Central Intelligence, the Administrator of General Services, Mr. Harrison, and others, including yourself, it was made quite clear that the question of affiliation and the candidates therefor would be considered but that no decision would be made without further study and discussion with Mr. Harrison. Therefore, any commitment or even discussion of affiliation with any other firm is premature.

It is essential that the precise situation be made quite clear to Mr. Moscovitz in writing at the earliest opportunity. This implies no criticism whatsoever of the firm of deYoung, Moscovitz, and Rosenberg, but would apply equally to any other firm that might have been put in this same position. The magnitude and complexity of this construction project require the most careful consideration by all concerned in the initial steps.

As you know, we hope to work out a mutually satisfactory arrangement with the General Services Administration for carrying out this project, but unless and until our respective roles are clearly delineated and agreed upon, I must request that all actions of any nature whatever

by the General Services Administration with regard to this project be concurred in fully and in writing by the Central Intelligence Agency in advance.

Sincerely,  
(s)

L. K. White  
Deputy Director

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